

MILK RESPONSE

The research with chromium in dairy cattle since the turn of the century has shown chromium supplementation is beneficial for improving milk yield in transition cows, maintaining milk yield in heat-stressed cows and enhancing reproductive performance in dairy cows. The calculation of the weighted average milk response from all the chromium research between 2000 and 2015, and the sensitivity analysis at differing milk prices, allows producers to understand the impact chromium can have on herd profitability.

The utilization of glucose by the cow's body is governed by specific hierarchical processes and is dependent on the type of stress the animal is facing. Optimized glucose utilization can result in better animal maintenance, production, immunity, growth and reproduction.

Review of the milk yield response to chromium supplementation in lactating cows

Figure 1 demonstrates the effects of supplementing chromium on milk production. Seventeen published articles between 2000 and 2015 from refereed journals focusing on dairy cows were used to generate the figure. The graph depicts the milk yield response to chromium supplementation within a university controlled study in comparison to the control (i.e. non-chromium supplemented cows). This summary includes different chromium sources fed at different levels and is not limited to KemTRACE® Chromium.

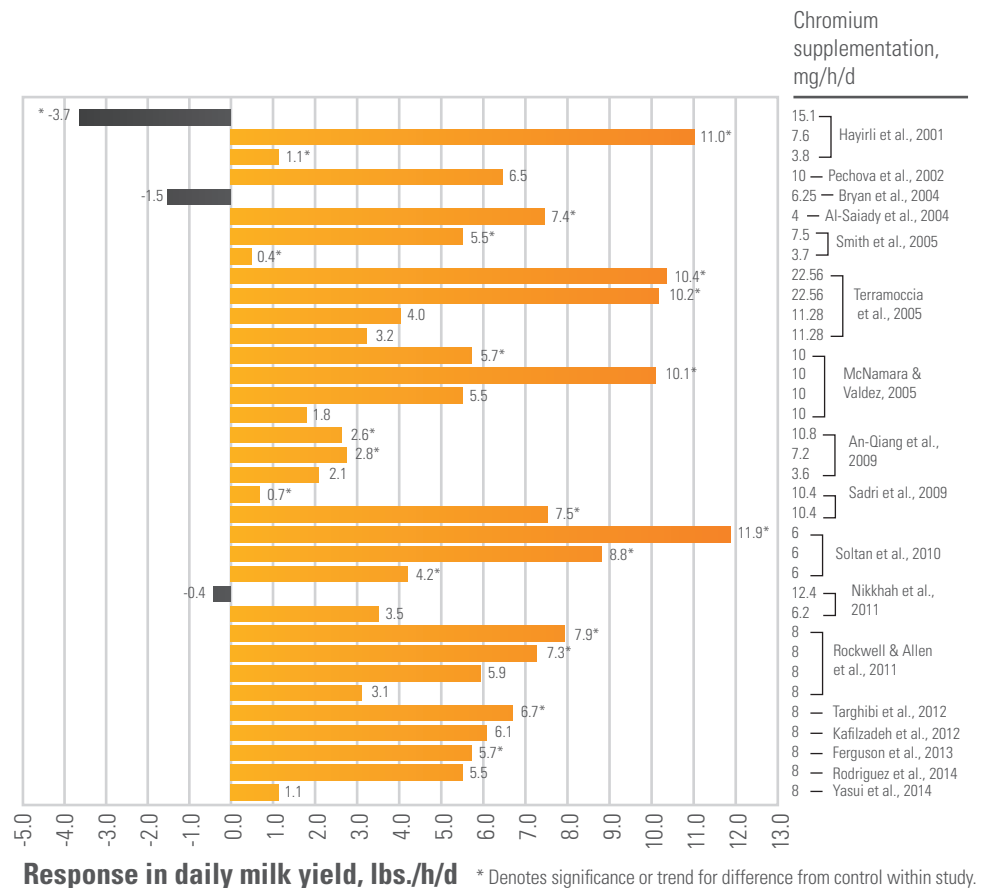


Figure 1: Effect of chromium supplementation in lactating dairy cow diets on response to daily milk yield, lbs./h/d.¹⁻¹⁷

Chromium sensitivity analysis

A statistical weighted average of the refereed journal publications shown in Figure 1 was calculated. The weighted average response in daily milk yield calculated out at 3.55 lbs./h/d. The table below shows a sensitivity analysis based on differing milk prices ranging from \$11/hundredweight (cwt) to \$16.50/cwt assuming cows achieve anywhere from 10% to 100% of the weighted average milk response.

KemTRACE® Chromium price sensitivity analysis

Milk price/lb.	\$0.110	\$0.120	\$0.130	\$0.140	\$0.145	\$0.150	\$0.155	\$0.160	\$0.165
Weighted average milk response (3.55 lbs.)	\$0.341	\$0.376	\$0.412	\$0.447	\$0.465	\$0.483	\$0.500	\$0.518	\$0.536
90% of weighted average	\$0.301	\$0.333	\$0.365	\$0.397	\$0.413	\$0.429	\$0.445	\$0.461	\$0.477
80% of weighted average	\$0.262	\$0.291	\$0.319	\$0.348	\$0.362	\$0.376	\$0.390	\$0.404	\$0.419
70% of weighted average	\$0.223	\$0.248	\$0.273	\$0.298	\$0.310	\$0.323	\$0.335	\$0.348	\$0.360
60% of weighted average	\$0.184	\$0.206	\$0.227	\$0.248	\$0.259	\$0.270	\$0.280	\$0.291	\$0.301
50% of weighted average	\$0.145	\$0.163	\$0.181	\$0.199	\$0.207	\$0.216	\$0.225	\$0.234	\$0.243
40% of weighted average	\$0.106	\$0.120	\$0.135	\$0.149	\$0.156	\$0.163	\$0.170	\$0.177	\$0.184
30% of weighted average	\$0.067	\$0.078	\$0.088	\$0.099	\$0.104	\$0.110	\$0.115	\$0.120	\$0.126
20% of weighted average	\$0.028	\$0.035	\$0.042	\$0.049	\$0.053	\$0.057	\$0.060	\$0.064	\$0.067
10% of weighted average	(\$0.011)	(\$0.007)	(\$0.004)	(\$0.000)	\$0.001	\$0.003	\$0.005	\$0.007	\$0.009

*Average cost of KemTRACE Chromium supplementation = \$0.05/h/d

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